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SUBJECT: TRADE POLICY TEAM VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

REF: A) STATE 177351, B) STATE 194635, C) STATE 186129,
D) USDEL MTN GENEVA 6245, E) STATE 195656

1. WHILE THERE IS GOV INTEREST IN MEETING WITH TRADE POLICY TEAM, TEAM SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR VENEZUELAN REACTION TO HAVING BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE GSP IN NEW U.S. TRADE LAW. VENEZUELANS WILL DOUBTLESS USE VISIT AS EXCUSE TO RENEW POLEMICS REGARDING THEIR EXCLUSION FROM GSP.

2. OFFICERS OF VENEZUELAN EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION (AVEX), MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MANUAL PEREZ GUERRERO'S STAFF, AND FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE (ICE, A SEMI-AUTONOMOUS GOV AGENCY) HAVE ALL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DISCUSSING LATEST MTN MEETINGS, ESPECIALLY AS THEY AFFECT VENEZUELAN EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY EXPORTS. (VENEZUELA'S FIFTH NATIONAL PLAN CALLS FOR SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF EXPORT OF NON-TRADITIONAL ITEMS AS ONE OF PLAN GOALS.) ICE ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
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DISCUSSING GATT MATTERS IN GENERAL, RECENT UNCTAD ACTIONS

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INCLUDING THE PROPOSED "CODE OF CONDUCT" FOR MULTINATIONAL
CORPORATIONS.

3. PROGRAM FOR TEAM IN VENEZUELA IS MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN
AVEX HEADED BY FORMER AMBASSADOR TO US HECTOR SANTAELLA
AT 11:00 TO 12:00 A.M., SEPTEMBER 7, ICE LED BY DIRECTOR
REINALDO FIGUEREDO AT 3:00 TO 4:00 P.M.
AND WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, AND/OR HIS STAFF AT 5:00 TO 6:00 P.M.
(IT IS NOT CERTAIN PEREZ GUERRERO OR HIS STAFF WILL BE IN
CARACAS 7 SEPT. BUT PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR THEM TO BE HERE.)
ALL APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED.
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